

Patient Navigator – Scope of Practice

- 1. Serve as the voice of the patient within health care and transitional settings.
- 2. Facilitate communications between the patient and caregiver/family and health care providers.
- 3. Ensure cultural sensitivity toward a patient's origin, gender identity, race or ethnic identity, socioeconomic status, and religion.
- 4. Facilitate interpretive language services when needed.
- 5. Address patient and caregiver/family health care concerns.
- 6. Organize and manage patient schedules and facilitate timely services.
- 7. Help patient and caregiver/family understand health condition diagnoses, needs, treatments, and social/emotional impacts.
- 8. Educate patients on their rights and assist them in participating in care decisions.
- 9. Recognize and report issues that arise during treatment that may impact outcomes.
- 10. Help patients understand costs, deal with insurance challenges, and access available financial assistance for their care.
- 11. Collect data on patient/caregiver experiences and outcomes.
- 12. Work effectively with health care facilities and community resources to improve patient care.
- 13. Ensure continuation of care and links to community resources.
- 14. Arrange transportation to post-release health care appointments.
- 15. Help establish access to needed prescription and assistive devices.
- 16. Function well with health care teams and other medical providers.